

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the collection of information from private insurance companies that apply for participation in the Write Your Own (WYO) program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. The WYO was established in response to the increase in losses and escalating costs of natural disasters to American taxpayers. The Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) and private insurance companies participate in a joint venture to market and service flood insurance under the names of the private insurance companies. FIA may enter into an agreement with private insurance companies, whereby the companies may offer flood insurance coverage to eligible property owners. FIA requires a one-time submission of information to determine a company's qualification, as set for in 44 CFR Part 62, subpart 62.24. FIA requires the information to determine whether an applicant for entry or reentry has the ability to process flood insurance and meet the reporting requirements of the WYO Financial Control Plan.

Collection of Information

Title: Write Your Own Program (WYO) Company Participation Criteria; New Applicants.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Number: 3067-0259.

Form Numbers: None.

Abstract: Under the Write Your Own Program, private sector insurance companies may offer flood insurance to eligible property owners. The Federal Government is a guarantor of flood insurance coverage for WYO Companies, issued under the WYO arrangement. To determine eligibility for participation in the WYO, the National Flood Insurance Program

(NFIP) is requiring a one-time submission demonstrating their qualification for participation from each new company seeking entry into the Program.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Number of Responses: 5.

Hour Burden Per Response: 7.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 35.

COMMENTS: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days from the date notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or email muriel.anderson@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward T. Pasterick, Chief, Financial Division, (202) 646-3443 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

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*Director, Program Services Division,
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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency has submitted the following proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Title: Write Your Own Program.

Type of Information Collection: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Number: 3067-0169.

Abstract: Under the Write-Your-Own program, private sector insurance companies may offer flood insurance to eligible property owners. The federal government is a guarantor of flood insurance coverage for WYO companies, issued under the WYO arrangement. In order to maintain adequate financial control over federal funds, the NFIP requires each WYO company to submit a monthly financial report.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 792.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

COMMENTS: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Desk Officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Management Budget, Washington, DC 20503 within 30 days of the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information collection should be made to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or email muriel.anderson@fema.gov.

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**FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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**Kansas; Amendment No. 7 to Notice of
a Major Disaster Declaration**

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).